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GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTARY ACTION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the delivery of social services to all residents of Arizona by both public and private organizations is a task that requires the participation of a great many of our people; and

WHEREAS, all departments and agencies of state government would benefit from the infusion of time, talent and energy from volunteer advisors and workers; and

WHEREAS, in at least 23 other states the Governor's Voluntary Action Program has heightened the official recognition of volunteers; assisted state agencies in their use of volunteers; coordinated efforts with existing volunteer programs; and acted as an information center on volunteerism in the state; and

WHEREAS, the evaluation of 33 Arizona state agencies have been surveyed and the results show there is a need for more widespread recruitment of volunteers; more precision in matching the needs of agencies with the abilities of volunteers; and a need for greater depth and training of volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the experience of many other states proves that many additional citizens would become involved in volunteer programs for public and private organizations if added coordination of such activity were available to the public;

WHEREAS, the Governor's Voluntary Action Program concept was originated by the National Governors' Conference in 1970 and now has basic financial support provided by ACTION, the federal agency to develop volunteer programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Raul H. Castro, under and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arizona by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Arizona, do hereby order and direct:

PART I - An Arizona Office of Volunteer Action Programs shall be established within the Office of Economic Planning and Development.

PART II - A. The duties of the Arizona Office of Volunteer Action Programs shall include the implementation and continuance of a planned and aggressive program of stimulating volunteerism within state government by exploring and encouraging methods of more fully utilizing, where and when appropriate, traditional and non-traditional volunteers within all of the agencies of state government.

B. In addition, the Arizona Office of Volunteer Action Programs shall assist private charitable organizations throughout the state, when requested, and in cooperation with these agencies, to strengthen their utilization of volunteer services.

C. In addition, the Arizona Office of Volunteer Action Programs shall assist private charitable organizations throughout the state which receive either state funds or other state aid to strengthen their utilization of volunteer services.

PART III - This order shall become effective immediately,

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my nand and caused to be affixed, the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

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GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix this fourth day of August in the Year of Our Lord. One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-five, and of the Independence of the United States the One Hundred and Ninety-ninth.

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